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Possible CSM on Recent Abolition of Rationing in Albania

1. Attached is a copy of a supplement to our Albanian MIS contribution on domestic trade. As I informed [REDACTED] by phone 25X1A9a today, this material in its present form could be used as a CSM. There is a major discrepancy between (a) the regime's claim that the abolition of rationing and the other changes maintain the urban worker's real income and (b) calculations based on the changes themselves, which indicate a 50 percent cut in real wages. Since the text of the original decision was announced, we have seen nothing in the reports from Albania that helps explain this discrepancy.

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